

Trinity

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Season of Advent

Advent (from the Latin word for “coming”) is a season during which we choose to celebrate and meditate upon both the first and the final coming of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

This Advent, we remember the promise to Abraham & Sarah (December 2). Those promises are followed by the promise to King David (December 9). We celebrate the promise to the prophets, specifically Isaiah and Jeremiah (December 16). Finally, we celebrate the promise to Mary and Joseph and the arrival of Jesus Christ, our Prophet, Priest and King! (December 23).

Advent is our hopeful expectation and longing for the perfect peace and love of God that will arrive at Jesus’ second, final coming. We celebrate this now and every year because Jesus has come and because He said, “Surely, I am coming soon!”

This Advent season as you consider and celebrate how God the Father both fulfilled and fulfills His promises through Jesus the Son, our prayer is that you would respond in faith and trust, saying yourself, “Come, Lord Jesus!”



December 9, 2018

Worship of the Living God

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.” You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’ ” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! | Psalm 89:1–5

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Season of Praise

Hymn 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn 199 *See, Amid the Winter's Snow*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Robert Rienstra

Confession of Sin | Proverbs 1:20–33

Leader: Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Reminder

Please silence cell phones and devices during the Worship Service.

Call to Worship

As those created to know and enjoy Him, God (Father, Son and Spirit) invites us to worship Him together.

Songs of Praise

As God calls us into His presence, we respond with praise and thanksgiving for who He is, and what He has done for us.

Confession of Sin

We worship God as the merciful and faithful One. We confess and repent of our sins corporately because we all sin, and individually because we each sin in our own unique way.

***Indicates the congregation standing**

People: Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Assurance of Pardon
Together we affirm
God's gracious mercy
and our freedom to
draw near with joy and
confidence in Christ.

Silent Time of Repentance

Assurance of Pardon

Advent Reading | The Promise of a King to David | 2 Samuel 7:8–12,
Matthew 21:7–9 | Paul & Gina Stevenson

Leader: Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

Responsive Reading
We respond to God's
grace by reminding
one another of our
standing and high
calling in Christ
through the reading of
His word, or through a
historic profession of
our faith.

All: They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

*Hymn 218

Angels, From the Realm of Glory

Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Sussex Carol

Sermon

Pastor Matt Abel

Wisdom Made Flesh to Dwell Among Us

Proverbs 1:7

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1 Corinthians 1:22–24

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bible

Children up to age 5 are dismissed to Children's Church.

*Hymn 214

Angels We Have Heard on High

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 726

Spirit of the Living God

*Benediction

Prayer

Together we celebrate God's character and promises, looking to Him for all that He would have us be and do as we bring our requests before him.

Tithes & Offerings

With thanks, we give back to God trusting in His provision, knowing that all good gifts are from Him.

Proclaiming the Word

The Bible, as God's living and active word through the Spirit's power, guides us in worship, renews our minds in truth, and strengthens us to abide in Jesus.

Benediction

Having brought us together, God now sends us out as His ambassadors with the call to continue our worship in the places He has sown us.

The Lord's Supper

Jesus invites all who follow Him to partake in this meal by faith, thereby proclaiming his death and receiving strength and grace as together we commune with Him.

NOTES

Announcements

Please continue to pray for Becky Alexander as she has started her chemo treatments, and for Jeff as he cares for her.

Choir will practice at 4:00 PM.

Pathfinders will meet for Dinner & Discussion at 5:30PM at Trinity.

The Elders are meeting on Monday, December 10 at 6 p.m. for their regular stated meeting. If you have any business or concerns please pass them on to Rob or one of the elders.

There will be a **Christmas Eve Service** on Monday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m. here at the church.

Wednesday Bible Study will be held this Wednesday (Dec. 12), and then be off for the 19th & 26th, but will resume January 2 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in the annex, with babysitting provided.

Sunday School will be off December 23 & 30 for the holidays, but will resume Jan. 6. The adult Sunday School class will meet in the Choir room on Dec. 16 so the choir can finish rehearsing for the program that Sunday morning.

Please join us on December 31 at 6 p.m. for our **Annual Talent/No Talent Show and Chili Dinner**. It is a great time of fun and fellowship, and seeing another side of the giftedness of many of our people. The dinner and show are free, but we will gladly accept donations toward the Cherokee Missions Trip. Please be sure to sign up if you want to be in the show on the table in the hallway.

Pathfinders December

9 Dinner & Discussion at Trinity

16 White Elephant 5:30-7:30pm at the Abels

21 Caroling at the Abels, time TBD

24 Christmas Eve Service

31 Talent/No-Talent

Trinity Missionaries

RICK AND BETTY ASCHMANN
MTW Ecuador

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
RUF-GA Tech

STEPHEN MAGINAS
RUF-Emory

JUSTIN CLEMENT
RUF, UGA

TRACEY WEST
RUF International-GA Tech

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CENTER**

BILL AND MARGARET FRISBEE
PEF

**CROSSPOINT ENCUESTRO
CHURCH SMYRNA, GA**

SCOTT AND RUTH HILL
MTW, Cherokee, NC

DAVID AND LYNN BRADFORD
Find Hope Counseling

BOBBIE JO
MTW, Europe

OCTAVIUS DELFILS
RPC, Haiti

**THE CHALMERS CENTER FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WILLING HELPERS FOOD BANK
AND MEDICAL CLINIC**

MNA DISASTER RESPONSE

Prayer Reminders

Pray for our **Deacons** that they would have skill and strength as they care for our property, and as they minister the Lord's mercy to our community.

Please ask the Lord to bless us and equip us as His witnesses, in our words and with our deeds, as we seek to serve our families, neighbors, and co-workers throughout the community.

Oman, #46 on Open Doors List, officially is known for its relative tolerance of Christians, yet believers can easily be accused of proselytism and face job loss and bullying. Believers are only about 4% of the population so please pray that the Lord would pour out His Spirit and call many to know and trust Him as Savior and Lord.

Pray that the Lord would help us to recognize and care for the lonely during this holiday season, inviting them into His family and ours, and blessing them as such.

Continue to pray for God's strength and mercy for healing for Margaret Frisbee, Dana Little's mom, Loretta Moon and family, Willie Taft, Beth Milikin, and Pam Bliss and family. Please lift up others in our church family, and their extended families, who are struggling with ongoing health issues, particularly that God would sustain all of them with his rest, protection and strength.

Mission Prayer

Please pray for the **Metro-Atlanta Presbytery** that the churches of our region might truly be connected and work together to glorify God, bless one another, and proclaim good news to the lost. Pray for God's wisdom and strength on our shepherding of one another, our RUF workers, and our church-planting efforts.

Serving on Sunday

	This Week	Next Week
Deacon	Greg Myers	Bill Abel
Greeter	Hughes	Ingram
Sound System	Taylor Bouchillon	Andrew Leach
Children's Church	Lynne Rienstra	Norris Little
Infant Nursery	Sunday School/Worship DeAnna and Sarah Harris	Sunday School/Worship Anne St. Clair and Gina Stevenson
Toddler Nursery	Dara Lynn Rieger and Bekah Harris	Lisa and Liane Bouchillon

Trinity Presbyterian Church, PCA

Welcome

Sunday Services

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Our Mission is to grow in the knowledge of God, that we may become mature witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Worship, Word, and Deed.

We welcome our visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Please fill out a visitor card (found on the table in the hall). Our desire is that you experience the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ with us today, growing in the knowledge of God, and that you will join with us in witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus Christ in worship, word, and deed.

Children are welcome to stay in the service; however, if you would rather, there is a Parent/Child room in the back left of the sanctuary.

Church Officers

Elders

Jeff Alexander, Norris Little, Henry Little,
Tim Park, Henry Patton, Paul Stevenson

Deacons

Bill Abel, Paul Green

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